

**LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)****MEMBER QUESTION AND RESPONSE****20 MARCH 2015****1. From Mr Peter Martin (Godalming South, Milford & Witley)**

Residents in Brighton Road, Godalming and other roads nearby are very unhappy with the adverse impact on their parking arrangements caused by the recently introduced Controlled Parking Zones in Town End Street, Carlos Street, Latimer Road and Croft Road. This has been further exacerbated in the Brighton Road by the loss of four parking bays over the next 12 months or so while house building works take place. I would like to ask if officers would develop a long term solution as swiftly as possible and also ask whether a short term temporary solution might also be found to deal with the very acute difficulty of car parking that we now have.

Response

The loss of four or five parking spaces for up to 18 months due to redevelopment in Brighton Road will certainly make it more inconvenient for nearby residents, but it is planned to suspend the parking spaces only when building work and deliveries are being carried out, meaning they should be available in the evening and at weekends.

Following the introduction of the Croft Road area residents' parking scheme, we are investigating whether it should be extended up Brighton Road from Latimer Road and Town End Street as far as Crownpits. More detailed proposals will be brought to the Committee as part of the parking review item at the June meeting. If agreed there will follow a consultation with residents before a final decision is made whether it should go ahead; however, this will take some time and it is unlikely that any changes could be made on the ground before 2016.

In the interim, we therefore propose to monitor the parking situation in Brighton Road during the building work. Potentially it would be possible to allow Brighton Road residents (between Town End Street and Crownpits) to apply for temporary permits to park in the Croft Road scheme. There would however need to be a set limit on the number of temporary permits provided in order to maintain sufficient space in the Croft Road scheme for existing permit holders. In the event that any changes are agreed, we will write to residents in the area to explain the temporary changes.

